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) **MUR 6858**  
) **SHAWN MICHAEL MALONE**  
) **MALONE PEOPLE ACTION COMMITTEE**  
) **DELEGATE, MARCELLINO VENTURA,**  
) **CAMPAIGN MANAGER, AND**  
) **GLENRIDGE POLE, TREASURER**

**ANSWER TO MUR# 6858**

COMES NOW, Malone People Action committee - Delegate (the "Malone Campaign") and/or Shawn Michael Malone - Delegate, Marcellino Ventura, Campaign Manager, and Glen Pole, Treasurer (collectively "The Respondent"), by and through their attorney Leigh F. Goldman, Esq. of GOLDMAN LAW OFFICES, INC. and in response to Complaint MUR 6858 states as follows:

- 1) Respondent Agrees.
- 2) Respondent Denies. For reference, please see the attached article from the Avis.  
There was no such event on December 29, 2013. However, there was an event on December 26, 2013. Regardless of date, Respondent denies that any activities were performed related to the Malone campaign by any prisoners as alleged.
- 3) Respondent answers in order of multiple parts raised:
  - .1 Respondent Denies.
  - .2 Respondent Denies.
  - .3 Respondent is without sufficient information as no employee is identified in the complaint, otherwise Denies.
  - .4 Respondent Denies.
  - .5 Respondent Denies.
- 4) Respondent answers in order of multiple parts raised:
  - .1 Respondent Denies.
  - .2 Respondent Denies.
  - .3 Respondent Denies.
  - .4 Respondent Denies.

**.5 Respondent Denies.**

**5) Respondent Denies.**

**6) Paragraph 6 of the complaint states a legal conclusion to which no response is necessary, to the extent that a response is necessary, Respondent Denies.**

**7) Paragraph 7 of the complaint states a legal conclusion to which no response is necessary, to the extent that a response is necessary, Respondent Denies.**

**8) Paragraph 8 of the complaint states a legal conclusion to which no response is necessary, to the extent that a response is necessary, Respondent Denies.**

**9) Paragraph 9 of the complaint states a legal conclusion to which no response is necessary, to the extent that a response is necessary, Respondent Denies.**

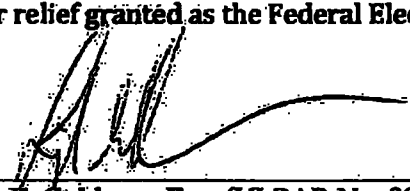
**10) Paragraph 10 of the complaint states a legal conclusion to which no response is necessary, to the extent that a response is necessary, Respondent Denies.**

**11) Paragraph 11 of the complaint states a legal conclusion to which no response is necessary, to the extent that a response is necessary, Respondent Denies.**

**12) Paragraph 12 of the complaint states a legal conclusion to which no response is necessary, to the extent that a response is necessary, Respondent Denies.**

**Wherefore, the Respondent pray that all claims are found to be meritless and dismissed against them or such other relief granted as the Federal Election Commission may deem appropriate.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



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# Malone/Plaskett battle continues

## Malone campaign manager calls Plaskett's ads "twisted facts and outright lies."

SHARINA TUCKER

**ST. CROIX** — Despite efforts by the Virgin Islands Democratic Party to dissuade candidates from engaging in public accusations, delegate to Congress candidate Stacy Plaskett is charging that Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone is avoiding the release of a legislative audit.

Malone's campaign is firing back with a statement of its own over radio ads by possible Plaskett supporters and the FEC complaint she filed against him, saying that it raises "ethical and legal concerns."

Plaskett's most recent statement, released Sunday, challenges Malone by saying he is avoiding the release of a legislative audit. This comes after Malone released three years worth of personal income tax returns and challenged Plaskett and former Sen. Ernest Hansen, who is also vying for the delegate seat in the Aug. 2 Democratic Party primary, to release theirs in a show of financial responsibility and transparency.

Plaskett did not return calls from The Avis Monday relative to published reports stating that she has two liens against her involving

delinquent income tax.

In her released statement, Plaskett also noted that comments attributed to her in the Sunday-Monday edition of The Avis relative to releasing income tax information only after she was won the primary was false. Plaskett said in response to a question on releasing her taxes said "when I am successful in the primary I will release my tax information. The Avis stands by its reporting."

Last week Democratic Party Chair Cecil Benjamin called a meeting of all Democratic Party candidates to discuss and work on being more unified. The meeting came after Benjamin, in a Letter to The Avis which was published, outlined his Party's policy against personally attacking fellow candidates personally or using information that was not factual to attack opponents.

Candidates, he wrote at the time "must conduct a clean and issue-oriented campaign, as well as refraining from personal attacks and not engage in personal vilification, derogatory public remarks, character defamation, negative innuendos or scurrilous attacks

in a number of key projects including the Virgin Islands ongoing participation in a regional planning venture with Puerto Rico, the integration of "climate change adaptation" into permit processes, and the assessment of watershed impact on far-

The grant monies have trickled

on fellow democrats or on his or her personal or family life."

Reached Monday, Benjamin reiterated the policy and said that it applies even when candidates are making statements against opponents "on and off-the-record."

In the statement released Sunday, Malone Assistant Campaign Manager Marcelino Ventura noted that "the onslaught of negative and dishonest ads and other frivolous claims from the Plaskett for Congress campaign may have crossed ethical and possibly legal lines."

Ventura added that Plaskett's recently filed a complaint with the Federal Elections Commission accusing Malone of employing inmate labor to assist with campaign activities was also false. And, he referenced several of Plaskett's radio advertisements, which he refers to as "twisted facts and outright lies."

In a recently circulated radio advertisement that Ventura referenced, the female voice of a woman who identifies herself as Laurie Milliner continuously mentions Malone — insinuating that he used taxpayer's money to pay for radio advertisements for his campaign.

"Shame on you Shawn Malone," Milliner states in the radio advertisement. "Just remember Shawn Malone, when you lie down with dogs you get up with fleas."

The Avis was unable to confirm by press time whether Plaskett was aware of the circulated ads as she did not return calls. However, Jerry Garcia, a representative of her campaign, confirmed that Plaskett currently has seven radio advertisements in circulation.

Meanwhile, Ventura said he is discussing his options for legal retribution with his lawyer.

"I am a private citizen and I have the right to support whoever I choose," he said, adding that he felt attacked in a recent report that named him as responsible for using inmates to set up a "Malone for Congress" tent on Dec. 26 2013.

"With them targeting volunteers, people would not want to get involved in the process any longer," Ventura said.

Benjamin said he was not familiar with the radio advertisements, but said the party does not approve "date" candidates "off-the-record" accusations of each other.

He has said that the candidates

failure to observe the Party's "ethical, campaign principles" result in withdrawal of party support, funding and advertisement. Ventura said Malone also has right to defend himself but acknowledge that as a public figure, Malone can not take legal action at this time against Plaskett.

"As an Attorney, Ms. Plaskett should be aware that Senator Milliner has a legal right to defend reputation and that her campaign is not protected simply because some cases private citizens deal they are paying for these ads," I said.

Earlier this month, both Malone and Hansen filed complaints with the FEC against Plaskett, relating to an email link controversy claiming that Plaskett utilized Gov. John de Jongh Jr.'s official government website to procure email addresses in her campaign efforts.

With just days to the Primary Election, however, there has been no word from either the FEC or the candidates on whether investigations are ongoing. Malone, in addition with the FEC filing against Plaskett, also lodged a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department

## Coastal Zone Management receives \$841,000 grant

The governor also noted that DPNR received a \$843,000 grant from NOAA back in 2011 for similar activities.

The National Coastal Zone Management Program, under the

entire Virgin Islands and makes the territory distinctive in that aspect," he said. "With approximately 175 miles of shore line, the protection and preservation of this natural resource must be carefully man-

tant economic and recreational area," according to the NOAA notice. The award is also expected to assist the territory to develop and complete its 309 Assessment & Strategy.

Gov. John de Jongh Jr. said he